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| For: <u>CONVERTIBLE RONGEUR</u> |) | |

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, to which a response is due by August 26, 2006 with a one-month extension-of-time, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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